

Public Law 94-318
94th Congress

Joint Resolution

June 25, 1976

[S.J. Res. 201]

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations for Operation Sail.

Whereas the Congress finds that—

(a) Operation Sail is a major Bicentennial activity and an international undertaking involving almost every four-masted sailing ship in the world plus many smaller vessels and a display and review of United States and foreign naval vessels. The President of the United States and the Queen of England are scheduled to participate in this activity;

(b) on or about July 3, 1976, approximately two hundred unique sailing ships representing many nations of the world are scheduled to arrive in New York Harbor and surrounding waters to commemorate the United States Bicentennial;

(c) the sailing ships will be berthed in basins and marinas throughout the New York/New England area for public display and visits. Four of the most significant sailing vessels are scheduled for berthing in the South Street Museum area of downtown New York City which is the focal point of this major Bicentennial event;

(d) some docking areas for the ships participating in Operation Sail are of inadequate depth;

(e) the United States Army Corps of Engineers currently maintains New York Harbor and surrounding waters for navigation purposes and has the capability of providing adequate docking depths for the ships of Operation Sail; and

(f) the United States Army Corps of Engineers has extensive knowledge of the technical and environmental aspects of dredging in the New York area and can apply this expertise to the dredging required in the areas proposed for the docking of the ships of Operation Sail: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is hereby authorized and directed to dredge New York Harbor in the vicinity of the South Street Seaport Museum, Manhattan, New York, to an authorized depth of eighteen feet for the purpose of providing adequate docking depth for ships of Operation Sail.

The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized to use any funds presently available to him for operation and maintenance of navigation in New York Harbor and surrounding waters to carry out the work authorized by this resolution presently estimated to cost \$100,000.

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Operation Sail.
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